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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

## In re Patent Application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INFORMATION LABELING AND  
CONTROL

**Group Art Unit: 2602**

**Examiner: Vivek Srivastava**

## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 19-21 and amend claims 1, 7, 27, 30 and 34 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A method of creating a local information label, the local information label comprising a plurality of category labels which identify categories of program content, the method comprising the steps of:

providing information to a user which describes each of the category labels;

prompting the user to input a value for each of the category labels in response to the provided information; [and]

forming the local information label based on the input values;

receiving a program which includes a transmitted information label having

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which identifies a program theme on a frame-specific basis; and

comparing the local information label and the transmitted information label.